<u>PATENT</u>

Attorney Docket: 3239/3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Nurith Shaklai and Matityahu Shaklai

Application Serial No. 10/716,625

Filed: November 20, 2003

For: METHOD FOR EXTENDED STORAGE OF VIABLE

AND PATHOGEN-SAFE BLOOD AND BLOOD COMPONENTS USING CARBON MONOXIDE

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Sandra E. Saucier

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Sir:

This responds to the Official Action mailed August 14, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced application, wherein the Examiner required restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-2140, (Ref. No. 3239/3).

Please consider the election below.

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